

AMENDMENTS TO THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract paragraph on page 17, line 5 with the following rewritten paragraph:

-- The invention provides an intervertebral implant for the lumbo-sacral joint, the implant consisting in a spacer (20) suitable for being placed between the fifth lumbar vertebra (L5) and the sacral vertebra (S1) articulated thereto, the body of said spacer (21) presenting in its top face a groove (30) extending in the midplane (M) of the spacer (20) and suitable for receiving the spinous process (10) of said lumbar vertebra (L5). A longitudinal housing oriented orthogonally to said groove (30) is formed in the bottom face and is suitable for receiving the top portion (14) of the sacral vertebra (S1). The longitudinal housing is defined by an extension (32) and by a tab (34) of which narrower than the width of the body of the spacer. The section of the housing in the midplane (M) of the spacer is generally U-shaped, being inclined relative to the bottom groove (30). --

After the claims, please insert a page containing the Abstract, which is attached hereto as a separately typed page.